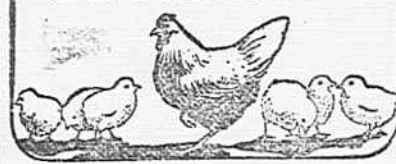


# POULTRY FACTS



## EGGS AND MARKET CHICKENS

Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Rhode Island Reds Are Most Popular American Breeds.

American markets prefer fowls that are medium size, that have short, plump bodies and yellow flesh and legs. The breeds that carry these requirements are the Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks and Rhode Island Reds, says a writer in *Indiana Farmer*. One who wishes to combine the selling of eggs and market poultry will make no mistake if he chooses one of these breeds.

The smaller breeds of fowls—those of the Leghorn class—are not as desirable as a market fowl, for the reasons that they have small bodies and do not fatten readily. Some markets discriminate against Leghorns, quite often the prices offered being four or



Barred Rock Pullet.

five cents under the figures given for the larger fowls. On the other hand, if one expects to obtain the greatest possible income from eggs, it certainly would be advisable for him to handle the smaller fowls. As a class, Leghorns lay better than the larger fowls and consume less feed. A Leghorn pullet will reach laying maturity a month earlier than will pullets of the larger breeds.

The larger breeds, such as Langshans and Cochins, are not raised extensively for the reason that they are considered poor layers. In some sections of the country, where large roasting chickens and capons are in demand, they are profitably grown.

## EGGS ARE MOST PROFITABLE

Should Be Important Source of Income From Farm Flock—Sell Broilers During Spring.

Eggs for market should be the most important source of income from the farm flock, according to M. C. Kilpatrick of the Ohio college of agriculture. There is a steadily increasing demand for fresh eggs of good quality at profitable prices. In addition eggs are produced with less labor than other poultry products and are more economically marketed.

Poultry for market should be the second source of income. Under present conditions the larger part of the poultry meat produced on most farms is a by-product produced and sold with little regard to the cost of production. The poultryman should plan his work so that while producing eggs for market he may obtain considerable revenue from the sale of broilers during early spring.

## GIVE CHICKENS GREEN FOOD

During Winter Months Hen Must Be Given Something to Take Place of Bugs and Insects.

One reason why eggs are not laid in the winter months, even where there are pullets, is that the summer supply of worms, bugs and insects is cut off, and no meat substitute is given to take their place.

The hen is an omnivorous feeder, requiring both meat and vegetables.

## WHITEWASH FOR HENHOUSE

Makes It Lighter, Cleaner and More Pleasant and Healthful for Flock—Clean Walls First.

A good coat of whitewash on the interior of the henhouse will make it lighter, cleaner and more pleasant and healthful for the flock, but be sure and clean the walls thoroughly before applying the whitewash.

## BUILD FLOOR HIGH AND DRY

It Should Be at Least Foot Above Surrounding Ground to Guard Against Sudden Thaws.

High and dry is a good rule to follow in poultry-house floor construction.

The floor should be built at least a foot above the surrounding ground as a safeguard against flooding by thawing snows or heavy rains.

## MAKING THINGS EASY

It was a notion store. Outside were big baskets filled with jelly glasses, scrubbing brushes, stoneware, toilet soaps and other articles at what impressed Chassway as ridiculously low prices. The windows displayed highly decorated china, toys, stationery and some odds and ends of hardware, among which Chassway noticed a card of padlocks price 10 cents. He remembered to have heard Mrs. Chassway say that there should be a padlock for the storeroom door. Here was an opportunity to please her and at the same time gratify his curiosity. It hardly seemed possible that a really good padlock could be obtained for 10 cents, but then everything seemed so cheap.

Chassway entered the store and a polite young man hurried around the counter to wait on him.

"Yes," said the young man, "the padlocks are good padlocks—open with a spring, as you will notice, sir, and two keys to every lock, all different."

"I'll take one," said Chassway. As he spoke his gaze wandered around the store.

"Anything else, sir?" asked the young man, insinuatingly.

Chassway hesitated and was lost. "Let me see," he said. "What's this?"

"That's an apple corer," said the young man. "You simply push it down through the apple and there's your core extracted quickly and neatly."

"That seems a pretty good thing," said Chassway, admiringly. "How much?"

"Five cents, sir. That's a potato slicer you have in your hand—works this way—for Saratoga chips or any vegetables you want sliced thin. Ten cents."

"I'll take one of them," said Chassway.

"That's a dandy furniture polish," said the young man. "I can specially recommend it, because I've used it myself. It's 10 cents a bottle only. I'd like to have you try it."

"Well, it won't hurt, I suppose, to try a bottle," said Chassway. "What are these brass things?"

"Picture hangers."

"Oh, of course. I didn't recognize them."

"Five cents a dozen."

"I don't know that I need any," said Chassway. "Still, at 5 cents a dozen, I guess they'll come in handy."

To summarize, when Chassway tore himself away he paid for a dozen brass hooks, a towel rack, a box of soap, a long wooden spoon, six patent gas tips, a closet clothesrack, a pair of rubber shoe heels, an egg beater, a bath thermometer, the picture hangers, furniture polish, potato slicer, apple corer and the padlock.

He exhibited his purchases with pride when they arrived that evening and Mrs. Chassway, after the first shock of surprise, was delightfully appreciative. The cook cast a cold eye upon them and merely sniffed.

That evening Chassway went out into the kitchen to put his screw hooks in appropriate places. He found that the woodwork was too hard to get them in without a gimlet. Similarly the old gas tips would not come out without pliers. All he could do was to tie a piece of string around the wooden spoon and hang it up and apply some of the furniture polish to a bureau top—and some to his trousers. The next day, however, he made a special trip to the notion store and bought a gimlet and a pair of pliers. While he was about it he also bought a corrugated steak mallet, a wire dish drainer, a can of enamel and a paintbrush, a wire potato masher, a saltbox, a gridiron, a tin bucket and a set of casters.

That time Mrs. Chassway was appreciative but not as intensely so as the day before. Chassway took off his coat, put in the patent gas tips and the screw hooks quite successfully. It was the cook's evening off, so he took advantage of her absence to invert the kitchen table and put the casters in its legs. "They will make it so much easier for her to move it around when she wants it," he explained.

The next morning the cook said: "Mr. Chassway, if it's all the same to you, I'd like to have you take them devilish little wheels out of me table. Sure, I can't cut a loaf o' bread without sending it skatin' clear across the kitchen to fetch up wid a bang fer'nist the range."

One morning as Chassway was surreptitiously poking into the pantry drawers he discovered pretty nearly the whole miscellaneous assortment of labor-saving devices filling one of them—wooden spoon, nutmeg grater, potato parer, apple corer—everything but the hooks he had screwed into the woodwork.

"It's just that she's cranky, I suppose," said Mrs. Chassway soothingly. "She says the corer clogs and the slicer turns the potatoes red and the wooden spoon's a nuisance and the egg-beater scatters, and things like that; and she's as cross as she can be about your getting things. But I wouldn't take any notice of her, dear. She's the best cook we've had for some time and I think she means to stay with us if we let her have her own way in the kitchen."

"Well, there's one thing sure," said Chassway. "She can plug along with any old makeshift for all of me. I'll not put myself out to make things easy for her if she quits tomorrow."

But, indeed, Chassway by that time had almost exhausted the notion store.

## EASTER MESSAGE

All Cravings and Needs of the Soul Satisfied by Death and Resurrection of Christ.

However far-reaching and deep the needs and cravings of the soul may be, they are all met and satisfied in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. But before we look at this great reality in a two-fold aspect, let us first contemplate the great fact of his resurrection. This is demonstrated, beyond all question of doubt, by evidence more substantial and reliable than any accepted historical event can boast of.

The fact of his resurrection is proved by various witnesses who saw him on earth after he rose, and by one who saw him in glory after he ascended up on high. Then we have the value of this great fact; everything is declared to depend on it—the interests of those who are dead, of those who are still alive, and, indeed, of all mankind. But let every eye be fixed on the Risen One himself, on his resurrection platform, in the magnificence of an unsurpassed triumph. I often wonder how little we are detained by such a sight. He has left everything behind—death, the grave, Satan's power. He went down beneath everything; he has risen up above everything. How blessed to see him on that morning, the brightest that ever dawned on earth!

Here is the history of the second garden. The first garden opened with a man and a woman in innocence, and closed with them fallen and driven out from the presence of God. How striking, too, that the locality of Eden cannot be discovered; God has hidden the site where innocence was.

In the second garden the Second Man meets us, the Risen Man, more than man, God over all, blessed for evermore. Yet as man here we see him, risen out of all the wreck and ruin brought on by the fallen creature. What a change comes over the heart in relation to all on earth when we see him risen, and when all our relations are with him risen! Christ's death closed the first volume of man's history, all that we were. The second volume, which opened with his resurrection, is filled up with all that he is, the glory of his person, his finished work and the perfection of his victories.

The first aspect of his glorious resurrection is in relation to the need of the soul in respect of sin—the resurrection of the Lord Jesus is the blessed proof of the complete putting away of sin for the believer in the atoning sacrifice of his cross. "He was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification." He stood as his people's representative, and bore their sins in his own body on the tree; but God raised him from the dead, thus expressing his full and perfect satisfaction in, and approbation of, the great work of redemption. Peace with God in all that he is, in righteousness, truth, mercy and love, follows as a divine consequence.

The second aspect of Christ's resurrection is in relation to the burdens and cares and sorrows of life; the risen Christ binds up the broken in heart, and fills the blanks caused by the ravages of death. How blessed to be connected by the risen Savior with the scene where he is; nothing will hinder him in his love coming to where we are in sorrow's night, and the heart's desolation and grief; but he comes to take us to his own side, as the Risen One, and to fill our hearts with all the comfort and rest, and satisfaction found in and with him where he is! This, then, is the Easter message—"Jesus lives!"—Rev. W. T. Turpin, M. A.

### Unimprovable.

Christ's work cannot be improved upon. He is never going to learn to do it better. It is perfect now; infinitely perfect; that means unimprovable. And your victory over the power of sin is Christ's work. If, after having yielded your life to him, you believe what he says, then sin cannot have dominion over you, for you are under grace; and grace is the infinite, perfect, unimprovable work of God through Christ your Savior and Life. Perfection cannot be improved upon. Infinity cannot be added to. That is the sort of unimprovable, infinitely perfect victory, that Christ offers to accomplish for us and in us now and always. But to want to do wrong is in itself sin. Wrong desire of any sort is sin; we are under the dominion of sin when we want to sin. And Christ pledges us his word that, if we will let him set us free, we shall be free indeed; sin cannot have over us even the dominion of our wanting to do wrong. So it is that when we really believe in Christ's cleansing power, the "want to" dies. That is victory indeed—more than victory, for with the "want to" gone we are "more than conquerors through him that loved us."

### Sure Source of Happiness.

The secret of all strength and happiness is conscious union with our Divine Source. This establishes in us a sense of security, an assurance that we are not playthings of chance, puppets of accident or fate. When we come to a full realization of our atonement with the great creative, sustaining principle of the universe, life will take on a new meaning. There will be no room for worry, no cause for fear. We shall be serene, poised, happy.—Orison Swett Marden, in *Pictorial Review*.

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### SEASONABLE DISHES.

Apples in various ways make most wholesome dishes. Wash, core, cut in slices, without peeling and fry in a little hot salt pork fat, sprinkle with sugar, a little salt and brown on both sides. Arrange in overlapping slices around the pork roast or the platter of pork chops.

**Fig Fritters.**—Sift together three-fourths of a cupful of flour, a teaspoonful of baking powder, a third of a teaspoonful of salt, and the yolk of an egg, a teaspoonful of olive oil, a third of a cupful of milk; mix well and add six soaked figs, coarsely chopped and last of all fold in the beaten white of the egg. Drop by spoonfuls into smoking hot fat and cook a golden brown. Serve with any hot fruit sauce.

Any juice left from canned fruit thickened with a tablespoonful of butter and flour cooked together, makes a delicious sauce for fritters or puddings.

Hot maple sirup is another sauce well liked.

**Meat Balls With Horseradish Sauce.**—Chop one pound of chuck steak and one onion together. Add one teaspoonful of salt, a quarter of a teaspoonful of paprika, mix well and make into firm balls; sear in a well greased pan, turn until cooked to taste. For the sauce—take a half a cupful of horseradish, one-half cupful of cracker crumbs, one teaspoonful of salt, a dash or two of pepper, one-half cupful of cream, one teaspoonful of mustard, two teaspoonfuls of powdered sugar. Mix the dry ingredients and reduce the vinegar if the prepared horseradish is used; heat and serve hot with the meat balls.

**Fried Biscuits.**—Shape bread dough as for raised biscuit, then lightly drop into deep hot fat and cook until brown. Drain on brown paper.

**Belmont Eggs.**—Brown bread slightly in a hot oven, moisten with hot, salted water and butter. Cook eggs in hot water until the yolks are a delicate pink. Slip one on each slice of bread and surround with chopped, cold meat which has been warmed in butter.

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